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Dear Resident Representative,

SDVH currently has five confirmed cases of COVID-19 in residents, three of which are active, and five confirmed active cases in staff.

Any residents that were exposed to the staff members that tested positive have been quarantined to their rooms and will be closely monitored for the fourteen (14) days following their exposure. The staff members who have tested positive are on quarantine.

Residents that have tested positive have been moved to a separate quarantine area and the Custer and Joe Foss households remain on quarantine. Residents in Custer and Joe Foss will quarantine in their rooms and be closely monitored for the next fourteen (14) days.

All residents will be tested for COVID-19 weekly over the next fourteen (14) days following CMS and SD DOH guidelines for testing when there is a positive staff or resident with exposure to facility.

If you have any questions regarding your loved one's care, please call their Resident Care Coordinator at 605-745-5127 extension:

- NASA and Stars & Stripes - Wendy Brehe – 1500219
- Veterans Lane and Old Glory - Jenny Hayashi – 1500444
- Custer and Joe Foss - Natalie Hooper – 1500229
- South Pacific and JASCO - Susan Stava – 1500506

Per CMS and DOH guidelines, indoor lobby visits have been suspended until further notice. Group activities are also suspended until further notice.

We continue to follow all precautions based on state and federal guidelines as well as CDC and DOH recommendations to ensure the safety of our residents and staff. Increased environmental services and cleaning are in place at this time. All entry and exit to the facility continue to be limited to one entrance and all staff are being screened upon entry.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can call administration at 605-745-5127 ext.1500116 or Rachelle Infection Preventionist at 605-745-5127 ext. 1500339 regarding questions about COVID-19 and the facility.

Sincerely,  
Rachelle, RN  
Infection Preventionist